

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

March 24, 2023

Chair Kay Granger  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

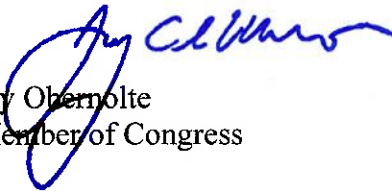
Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for expanding telehealth access in the fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Loma Linda University Medical Center, located at 11234 Anderson St., Loma Linda, CA 92354. The funding would be used for the placement of three telehealth sites throughout the region that will enable patients to have safe and secure access to their providers. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because residents residing in the vast, rural communities throughout the Mojave Desert often must travel over two-hundred miles to receive follow-up medical care, resulting in diminished healthcare access and poor outcomes. By providing locations throughout the rural and High Desert regions, patients will be able to connect to LLUMC medical providers for follow-up visits and ongoing specialty care needs via telehealth, resulting in improved healthcare outcomes.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 2331 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990, 7 U.S. Code section 950aaa.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Jay Obernolte  
Member of Congress